



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2021 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 22, 2021
Schedule 6

PLEASE NOTE: February 5 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, February 5.

As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 22, 2021

HB 613 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – COAL– AND GAS–FIRED GENERATING STATIONS – PROHIBITIONS (PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY STOP ENVIRONMENTALLY UNJUST COAL AND GAS PLANTS ACT OF 2021) PG 410–21

Prohibiting the Public Service Commission from issuing a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of a coal– or gas–fired generating station if any part of the generating station will be located in Prince George's County; and prohibiting a person from operating a coal– or gas–fired generating station if any part of the generating station is located in Prince George's County and the Commission issued a certain certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of the generating station.

EMERGENCY BILL

PU, § 7-207(b) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

Department of Legislative Services

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HB 614 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – ALTERATIONS PG 503–21

Altering the membership of the Prince George's County Board of Education to require all members to be elected; providing that any elected member who no longer resides in Prince George's County may not continue to serve on the board; repealing provisions relating to the appointed members the Board; requiring members of the county board to be elected by the voters of the entire county; repealing provisions establishing the county superintendent as the Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George's County public school system; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 615 Prince George's County Delegation

NATURAL RESOURCES – SUNDAY DEER HUNTING – PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PG 402–21

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer on each Sunday of the deer hunting seasons in Prince George's County from the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in January, inclusive; authorizing the Department to allow a person to hunt on public land designated for hunting on Sunday in Prince George's County; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

NR, § 10-410(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 616 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION –
NONSTUDENT MEMBER COMPENSATION AND STUDENT MEMBER
SCHOLARSHIP PG 501–21

Increasing the compensation of the chair of the Prince George's County Board of Education from \$19,000 to \$30,000, beginning on or after December 1, 2021; increasing the compensation of the other elected and appointed members of the Board from \$18,000 to \$25,000, beginning on or after December 1, 2021; and requiring that a student member who completes a full term on the Board, beginning on or after December 1, 2021, be granted a \$5,000 scholarship to be applied toward the student's higher education costs.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 3-1003(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 617 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSES
FOR SUPERMARKETS PG 306–21

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County to issue a Class A beer and light wine license for use in a supermarket that has been certified by the Prince George's County Council as being located within a food desert or food swamp; specifying that the Board may issue only three specified licenses for use in any single legislative district.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 26-1509 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 618 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS –
INTERSECTION OF SUITLAND ROAD AND SKYLINE DRIVE PG 310–
21

Authorizing the placement and use of up to two speed monitoring systems at the southern intersection of Suitland Road and Skyline Drive in Prince George's County, subject to existing signage and placement requirements for speed cameras.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-809(b)(1)(vi) through (viii) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 619 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS AND SCHOOL ZONES PG 302–21

Establishing that certain provisions of law authorizing the use of speed monitoring systems in certain residential districts apply in Prince George's County; and establishing that a school zone speed monitoring system in Prince George's County may be used in a school zone with any posted speed limit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-809(b)(1)(vi) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 620 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS PG 304–21

Adding a Class C alcoholic beverages license to the types of alcoholic beverages license that may be used for an establishment located within certain distances of a place of worship or a school in Prince George's County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 26-1604 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 621 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS – DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (STUDENT HEALTH AND FITNESS ACT) PG 504–21

Requiring that a public school student in a Prince George's County elementary school be provided a certain daily program of physical activity each week totaling 150 minutes, including 90 minutes of physical education; requiring the program of physical activity for a certain category of student to be consistent with the student's Individualized Education Program, if applicable; requiring a Prince George's County public elementary school to designate a physical activity leadership team to plan for certain activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-409.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 622 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – LAND USE – MAGNETIC LEVITATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SITING (PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY STOP THE MAGLEV ACT OF 2021) PG 406–21

Prohibiting a person from constructing a magnetic levitation transportation system within 2 miles of protected property in Prince George's County; prohibiting a State, regional, or local governmental unit from approving a proposal or condemnation of property for the construction of a magnetic levitation transportation system within 2 miles of protected property in the county; establishing that the prohibitions under the Act do not apply if certain approvals have been obtained; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

LU, § 25-214 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 623 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM LICENSING – NOTICE OF APPLICANT LOCATED IN COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITY PG 401–21

Requiring the Secretary of Health to notify the county health officer for Prince George's County of a licensure application for an assisted living program that will be located in Prince George's County; requiring the county health officer to determine whether the assisted living program is to be operated within a common ownership community in the county; requiring the county health office to send notice of the application to the county council and the governing body of the common ownership community under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 19-1804.1(e) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 624 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – REVISIONS PG 502–21

Repealing provisions establishing the position of the Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George's County public school system and establishing the powers and duties of that office; repealing provisions allowing four appointed members to serve on the Prince George's County Board of Education; repealing provisions authorizing the County Executive to fill vacancies on the Board; requiring the county board to hold an annual meeting on the first Monday in December to elect a chair and vice chair from among its members; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, Various Sections - amended and repealed

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 625 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ALCOHOL DENSITY ZONES AND LICENSES PG 307–21

Authorizing the issuance of a Class A beer and wine license for use in a grocery store in an alcohol density zone in Prince George's County; prohibiting the issuance of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license for use in a grocery store in the county; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County to approve the transfer of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license into a part of certain alcoholic beverages districts in the county if the original licensed premises is in an alcohol density zone; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, §§ 26-101, 26-801, 26-804, 26-901, and 26-1603(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 626 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – VEHICLE HEIGHT MONITORING SYSTEMS PG 305–21

Authorizing the use of certain vehicle height monitoring systems in Prince George's County to enforce certain State and local laws during certain times; applying to Prince George's County certain provisions of law relating to vehicle height monitoring systems; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 24-111.3 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 627 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – BRIGGS CHANEY ROAD PG 303–21

Authorizing the placement and use of a speed monitoring system on Briggs Chaney Road between Sawgrass Drive and Calvert Hills Drive in Prince George's County, subject to certain placement and signage requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-809(b)(1)(vi) through (viii) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 628 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SPEEDING VIOLATIONS ON MARYLAND ROUTE 210 (INDIAN HEAD HIGHWAY) – FINES PG 301–21

Establishing certain fines for certain violations of the prohibition against exceeding the maximum posted speed limit on Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) in Prince George's County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-801.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 629 Delegate Novotny

COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – STUDENT MEMBER – VOTING

Prohibiting student members of a county board of education from casting a deciding vote on issues before the county board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 3-106 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 630 Delegate Solomon**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISTRICT ENERGY USE – POLICY AND STUDY**

Requiring each school district to adopt or update a school district energy policy beginning July 1, 2022; specifying the contents of a school district energy policy; encouraging school districts to set targets to increase the school district's use of renewable energy and reduce the school district's greenhouse gas emissions; requiring that a school district energy policy be posted on the school district's website and updated every 2 years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 5-312.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 631 Delegate Beitzel**STATE LAKES PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FUND – PURPOSE, USE, AND FUNDING – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending the termination date applicable to certain provisions relating to the purpose, use, and funding of the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund from June 30, 2022, to June 30, 2027.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

Chapter 698 of the Acts of 2018, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 632 Delegate Beitzel**GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2021**

Repealing certain requirements that the Board of License Commissioners for Garrett County charge a one-time issuing fee for certain licenses; and altering the types of alcoholic beverages that a license holder may purchase from a wholesaler or a retailer in Garrett County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, §§ 21-904(g), 21-1001(g), 21-1301, and 21-1312 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 633 Delegate Beitzel**GUN THEFT FELONY ACT OF 2021**

Classifying the theft of a firearm as a felony; and establishing a penalty for theft of a firearm of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 for a first offense, and imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$2,500 for a second or subsequent offense.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 7-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 634 Delegate Beitzel**ASSOCIATION HEALTH COVERAGE PLANS**

Clarifying that, for purposes of provisions of law concerning health insurance, a chamber of commerce may be considered an association; repealing certain provisions of law that apply certain provisions of law governing small group market plans to health benefit plans offered by certain entities; applying the Act to policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022

IN, §§ 11-601(d)(1), 15-302(c) and (d)(2), 15-1201(i)(2), and 15-1202 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 635 Prince George's County Delegation**MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – STUDY ON HISTORIC AND RECENT FLOODING IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PG 407–21**

Requiring the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of the Environment to study flooding in Prince George's County; requiring that the study analyze, evaluate, and examine certain information, measures, and issues; requiring that the study develop certain recommendations; requiring the Agency, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of the Environment to report the findings and recommendations, on or before October 15, 2021, to certain individuals and entities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 636 Delegate Solomon**SCHOOL BUILDINGS – DRINKING WATER OUTLETS – ELEVATED LEVEL OF LEAD (SAFE SCHOOL DRINKING WATER ACT)**

Altering the definition of “elevated level of lead” for purposes of certain provisions of law requiring the periodic testing for the presence of lead in drinking water outlets in occupied public and nonpublic school buildings; and requiring by August 1, 2022, a school to take certain remedial measures on a drinking water outlet tested on or before June 1, 2021, if the test indicated a concentration of lead that was more than 5 parts per billion but less than 20 parts per billion.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EN, §§ 6-1501(c), 6-1502, and 6-1503(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

HB 637 Allegany County Delegation and Garrett County Delegation**ALLEGANY COUNTY AND GARRETT COUNTY – ARCHERY HUNTING – SAFETY ZONE**

Altering to 50 yards from a dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings the size of the safety zone for archery hunters in Allegany County and Garrett County within which archery hunting may not take place except under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

NR, § 10-410(g) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 638 Delegate Lopez**PUBLIC SAFETY – UNTRACEABLE AND UNDETECTABLE FIREARMS**

Altering a certain definition of regulated firearm to include a certain unfinished frame or receiver; authorizing a person to continue to possess a certain firearm or unfinished frame or receiver on or after January 1, 2022, if the firearm or unfinished frame or receiver is marked with a unique serial number and the person maintains a certain record log; prohibiting a person from possessing a certain firearm or unfinished frame or receiver on or after January 1, 2022; providing certain penalties; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

PS, §§ 5-101(r), 5-114, 5-117.1, and 5-142 - amended and §§ 5-701 through 5-707 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 639 Delegate D.M. Davis

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND – PROPERTY
MANAGEMENT – SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGIONAL
AGRICULTURAL CENTER

Authorizing the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland to act as a property manager of the Southern Maryland Regional Agricultural Center owned by and located within St. Mary's County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EC, § 13-612 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 640 Delegate Ruth

CRIMINAL LAW – FAILURE TO OBEY A REASONABLE AND LAWFUL
ORDER – REPEAL

Repealing the prohibition against willfully failing to obey a reasonable and lawful order that a law enforcement officer makes to prevent a disturbance to the public peace.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 10-201 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 641 Delegate Palakovich Carr

HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE – WEATHER-RELATED CLAIMS

Prohibiting an insurer from considering a claim for a weather-related event for the purpose of canceling or refusing to renew coverage for homeowner's insurance if the claim is for an amount of loss that is less than the insured's deductible under the policy or is resolved with no payout to the homeowner by the insurer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

IN, § 27-501(i) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 642 Delegate Palakovich Carr**CONSUMER PROTECTION – MARYLAND CONSUMER REPORTING ACT – REGULATIONS**

Requiring that certain regulations relating to the Maryland Consumer Reporting Act required to be adopted by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation include procedures for developing standards for achieving the maximum possible accuracy in matching certain information, developing a system for the exclusion of duplicate, outdated, sealed, and expunged public records, and tracking and addressing the causes of consumer complaints regarding inaccuracies in consumer reports.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, § 14-1226(f) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 643 Delegate Palakovich Carr**PUBLIC HEALTH – COSMETIC PRODUCTS – INGREDIENT PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting, except under certain circumstances, a person from manufacturing, selling, delivering, holding, or offering for sale in the State a cosmetic product that contains certain ingredients; providing that a person is not in violation of this Act under certain circumstances; and defining “ingredient”.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

HG, § 21-259.2 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 644 Delegate Arentz**QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE APPLICATIONS – EXCEPTIONS**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Queen Anne’s County to exempt up to four licenses held on behalf of corporations or limited liability companies from certain ownership requirements; and prohibiting the Board from granting an exemption within the Kent Narrows Commercial Management and Waterfront Improvement District.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 27-1403 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 645 Delegate Arentz**CRIMINAL LAW – DISRUPTION OF HIGHWAY USAGE – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from knowingly and without lawful purpose obstructing, hindering, impeding, or blocking the use of a highway; and establishing that knowingly and without lawful purpose obstructing, hindering, impeding, or blocking the use of a highway is a misdemeanor and is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or a fine not exceeding \$2,500 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 10-201 - amended and § 10-206 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 646 Delegate Valentino–Smith**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MILITARY FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM**

Requiring a local department of social services with a military installation in its jurisdiction to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Military Family Advocacy Program for that installation; and establishing certain requirements for a memorandum of understanding under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, § 5-705.5 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 647 Delegate Wilson**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – FEES FOR PROCESSING ARTICLES OF DISSOLUTION, CERTIFICATES OF CANCELLATION, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS – REPEAL**

Repealing certain fees charged by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation for processing articles of dissolution, certificates of cancellation, and certain other documents filed by certain business entities with the Department.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

CA, § 1-203(b)(1), (2), and (4) - amended and § 1-203(b)(14) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 648 Delegate Wilson**ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES – MEETINGS – ALTERATIONS**

Authorizing annual and special meetings of the members of an electric cooperative to be conducted in person, virtually, or both; requiring the notice of annual and special meetings to include certain information; altering certain requirements for a quorum; repealing a requirement that for voting to occur by mail or electronic transmission, the manner must be provided in the cooperative's bylaws; and authorizing voting to be conducted in a certain manner in accordance with the cooperative's bylaws.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

CA, §§ 5-616 through 5-619 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 649 Delegate Anderton**TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY USER REVENUES – REVENUE AND DISTRIBUTION**

Altering the amounts of capital grants calculated based on highway user revenues that are required to be appropriated to Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities in certain fiscal years.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TR, §§ 8-402 and 8-403 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 650 Delegate Boyce**MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – SEXUAL AND GENDER MINORITIES (IMARI'S BUSINESS PRIDE ACT)**

Altering the definition of "socially and economically disadvantaged individual" for purposes of certifying certain minority business enterprises to include certain sexual and gender minorities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, § 14-301 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 651 Delegate Qi**EDUCATION – EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETER – CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the State Board of Education and the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board to develop certain rules and regulations for the certification of educational interpreters on or before July 1, 2022; providing that certain individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may not be denied the right to receive certain credentials or a contract for work for which the individual is otherwise qualified because the individual is deaf or hard of hearing; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 6-704(a) - amended and § 6-704.2 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 652 Delegate Qi**HEALTH FACILITIES – RESIDENTIAL SERVICE AGENCIES – GUIDANCE AND REPORTING**

Requiring the Office of the Attorney General, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland Department of Labor, to produce a guidance document concerning the application of employee protection laws to personal care aides employed by residential service agencies; providing for the content and structure of the report; requiring a residential service agency to certify certain information through the signature of a certain individual as a condition of obtaining or renewing a license; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 19-4A-01 - amended and § 19-4A-11 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 653 Delegate Qi**JOINT COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Establishing a Joint Committee on Workforce Development to evaluate the condition of the State's public and private sector workforces, monitor skills shortages, identify strategies to expand employment, and evaluate the effectiveness of certain programs and policies; and requiring the Committee to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31 each year.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, § 2-10A-16 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 654 Delegate Qi**MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

Establishing the Maryland Small Business Innovation Research and Technology Transfer Incentive Program to foster job creation and economic development in the State by promoting commercialization of research, facilitating technology transfer, and encouraging small business participation; requiring the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to administer the Program; establishing qualifications for participation in the Program; authorizing the Program to provide certain competitive awards and investments to certain businesses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EC, §§ 10-4C-01 through 10-4C-06 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123. - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 655 Delegate Crosby**LOCAL GOVERNMENT – COUNTY COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS – DISTRICT VOTING**

Requiring an election of a county commissioner to represent a specific district to be decided by a plurality of the votes cast within that district.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LG, § 9-401.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 656 Delegate Crosby**ELECTION LAW – EARLY VOTING CENTERS – ACCESSIBILITY BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

Requiring that, in a county that has fixed-route public transportation service, each early voting center must be located not more than 500 feet from a public transportation station or stop.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, § 10-301.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 657 Delegate Crosby**COMMERCIAL LAW – MARYLAND CREDIT SERVICES BUSINESS ACT – REVISIONS**

Prohibiting a credit services business, its employees, and independent contractors from attempting to remove or advising a consumer to remove certain information from the consumer's credit report, calling or sending certain communications to certain entities, and sending certain communications to a person without disclosing certain information; requiring a certain credit services business, its employees, and independent contractors to provide certain information to a certain credit reporting agency or data furnisher; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, §§ 14-1902 and 14-1906(a) - amended and § 14-1917 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 658 Delegate Qi**TRANSFORMING MANUFACTURING IN A DIGITAL ECONOMY WORKGROUP (MAKING IT IN MARYLAND)**

Establishing the Workgroup to Study the Transformation of Manufacturing in Maryland's Emerging Digital Economy; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters relating to the State's current and future workforce and emerging digital economy; requiring the Workgroup to submit an interim and a final report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2021, and December 1, 2022, respectively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 659 Delegate Qi**VEHICLE LAWS – MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS – PRICES LISTED ON DEALER WEBSITE**

Providing that a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch may not prohibit a dealer from listing on the dealer's website a vehicle for sale or lease at the purchase price or coerce or require a dealer to list a price different from the purchase price on the dealer's website or take an adverse action against a dealer for listing a vehicle at a particular price on the dealer's website; and defining "purchase price" as the full delivered price of a vehicle, excluding taxes, title fees, and certain other dealer charges.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 15-207(a) and (h) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

